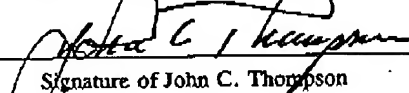


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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

In response to the advisory action of 04/18/2007, applicant hereby submits that the examiner is in error. Thus it is applicant's position that the amendment to claims 1 and 20 do not introduce new issues that would require further search and consideration and/or search.

Claim 1 as now presented requires:

"A dental restoration, comprising:

"a base structure (16) formed of a selected one of a single member and multiple members, the base structure being adapted to be placed over a prepared tooth stump;

"a pre-fabricated comparatively hard over structure (24) which, when assembled with the base structure (16), at least partially covers the base structure (16), the over structure (24) having at least one pre-configured bite element (38) having a predetermined bite surface; and

"a coupling element for coupling the base structure (16) and the over structure (24) with one another, the coupling element preferably including an